

The Karate Kid Narrative Scaffold

<p>Orientation: Explain how the movie establishes for us the world of the characters in the story:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How are we introduced to the characters? What do we learn about them? How are we introduced to the physical environment? Is there anything unusual about the setting? How are we shown the relationship between character? 	
<p>Complication: Explain how the usual state of affairs is complicated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What goes wrong? How does the problem start? How is the problem important to the lives of the central characters? 	
<p>Sequence of Events: Explain how the action progresses through a series of events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identify each of the events which leads to the climax. How do these events build tension or excitement, sadness or empathy? What do these events reveal about the central characters in terms of their personality and/or motivations? 	
<p>Crisis or Climax: Explain how the events have led to a situation where nothing could be worse, or more dangerous, or more hopeless:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the event which represents the crisis or climax. Is there only one? Is this event realistic given the framework of the story? In other words, is it consistent with the setting and characters of the movie and therefore, believable? How has the series of events so far 	

<p>suggested how the climax or crisis might be resolved?</p>	
<p>Resolution: Explain how the world of the characters returns to some sort of normality:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How is the problem finally resolved or sorted out? What lessons have the characters learned from their ordeal? How is the eternal battle between right and wrong or good and evil reflected in the narrative? 	
<p>Review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What kind of story did the movie tell? What special features made it different from other movies? How well, in your opinion, was the story told? Justify your answer. What was the purpose of the movie? 	